Builth Wells Rural District Council

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health,

for

1939.

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you my annual report for the year 1939.This is my first report to you as your Medical Officer of Health and it is to be regretted that war conditions make it impossible for this report to be as full as I should have wished.

In accordance with the wishes of the Welsh Board of Health, as expressed in Circular 2067(Wales), this report must be considered to be an interim one andis confined to urgent and essential matters which have affected the public health during the year together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

At the end of the war a report will be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year.

Full Time Medical Officer of Health.

On May 1st 1939 the first full time Medical Officer of Health to the district was appointed. Previous to this date the position was held by a part time officer and a full time officer should be of great advantage to the district.

On May 1st Dr.D.J.Jones was appointed in this capacity and he terminated his appointment on December 31st 1939.

No exceptional urgent or essential matter has affected the public health during the year.

Infectious Disease.

There was no severe outbreak of infectious disease during the year in the district.
The actual number of cases occurring, according to the infectious disease register, is shown in the following table.

Scarlet Fever .....9 cases.
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis...1 case.
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....2 cases.
Erysipelas.....1 case.

As far as I am aware no exceptional administrative measures were taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
T.C.R.George.
District Medical Officer of Health.